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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] Soviet headquarters and supply units in Wuensdorf (N 53/Z 91) after the beginning of September 1952 were indicative of a transfer from the Wuensdorf area. All construction work in the restricted area was discontinued. The Soviet supply depots were stocked with supplies to last for about two weeks. Furloughs for Soviet personnel were canceled. Enlargement work at Wuensdorf railroad station, dispatching station for leave trains to Moscow, was stopped. There were signs of alarm among the personnel of the various units, especially among the women. Rumors reported on transfers from Wuensdorf. The Kech detached workhands to Frankfurt/Oder where the railroad station was to be converted into a dispatching station for leave-trains. (1)

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4. [redacted] the discharge of German personnel in Wuensdorf not only affected supply installations and warehouses but also the tank repair shop. The Germans were replaced by Russians.

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6. On 20 September, the Cambrai Kaserne southeast of the Hindenburg Kaserne appeared to be occupied to capacity by an AAA unit and a motor vehicle repair shop. About 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets engaged in physical exercises. Two-hundred soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery or motor transport insignia and black-bordered black epaulets were noticed in the billeting area. The attic in building No 187 was converted into quarters. An AA emplacement with 3 x 85-mm AA guns was seen between building No 170 and No 171 and about 6 other 85-mm AA guns were lined up near building No 170.

7. A lieutenant general with his dependents was billeted in building No 103 of the Panzertruppschule at the intersection of Highway 96 and Zehrendorfer Strasse. Almost all rooms in building No 83 were used as offices. There were numerous safes in the rooms of the second floor in house No 84. Soldiers brought files which were locked up in the safes. (7)

8. On 3 September, two 76.2-mm ZIS-3 field guns were unloaded at the Wunsdorf railroad station. During the period from 1 to 6 September, the Lutz Kaserne on the east side of Highway 96 quartered about 2,000 men and, thus, was more heavily occupied than during the preceding days.

9. During the period from 7 to 11 September, an AA emplacement with 4 heavy AA guns was observed on a hill about 300 meters east of the railroad line, and 100 meters west of the Stammlager Zossen. (1)

10. all the German personnel of the Stammlager had been discharged at the beginning of September. The town hall on the Marktplatz in Zossen which had been vacated on 1 September was occupied by two officers and 12 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 11 September. According to rumors, a komendatura was to be stationed there.

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- 25X1 11. Four heavy 76-mm AA guns were observed emplaced along the Wunsdorf-Zossen road, 2 km south of Zossen and 300 meters west of the road at the beginning of September. The guns were camouflaged with tarpaulins that were two meters high. Two canvases covered long devices, box-like shape, that were in the emplacement. Telephone lines extended from the emplacement to the barracks installations. (4)

- 25X1 12. [REDACTED] 12,000,000 Eastmarks were allocated for the construction of barracks installations. The building project was to be supervised by the construction headquarters hitherto supervising the construction of the planning section on Treskow Allee, Berlin-Karlshorst. The construction work on the planning section building had to be stopped due to the lack of funds. (9)

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